WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Duplicate Stickers on Food Items in Super Bazar

*161. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased «o state :

(a) wheher certain incidents of sale of superfine rice and dal chana with bogus duplicate stickers were brought to the notice of Super Bazar, New Delhi by the consumers during the period from 1st July. 1993 to 3T*t March.. 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUM HR AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No such incident has come to the notice of Super Bazar during the period 1-7-93 to 31-3-94. However, one complaint WM received in May, 1994 in regard t. superfine rice (rice basmati popular)

(b) arc' (c) Super Bazar has reported that the complaint in May, 1994 pertained to wrong stiker on superfine rice (rice basmati Topular) sold in a branch of Super Bazar. On examination in the Super Bazar's Quality Control Laboratory the complaints was found valid and accordingly replacement was given.

*The Minister of State of the Ministrv of Labou' Shri P. A. Sagma answered on behalf of he Minister of State of the Ministry of coal.

*The Minister of State of the Ministry of Law, justice and Company Affairs Shri H. R. Bhardwaj answered these questions on behalf of the Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution.

Import of Newsprint from Swiss firm

*165. SHRI SANJAY DALKIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the News print Committee has approved the import of 500 metric tonnes of standard newsprint against the su pense account from a Swiss firm in March. 1991 and the Company was to export coffee, blankets and other items;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government suffered a huge loss due to this Export-Import agreement;

(c) if so. the details thereof; and 2—

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(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHARJEE) : (a) to (d) No purchase was made by STC of standared newsprint from any Swiss firm in March, 1991. However, based on the approval of its Newsprint Purchase Committee (NPC), STC purchased 5,000 MTs of Polish origin standared newsprint from a Swedish firm M/s Sukab during March, 1991.

Import of newsprint from M/s. Sukab was made by STC as a part of its commercial activities and it has intimated that no loss was suffered by it in this commercial transaction.

गुजरात में केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा प्रायोजित योजनाएं

*166. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी : क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने गुजरात के बड़ोदरा, सूरत, भरूच और पंचमहल जिलों की कुछ विकास योजनाओं को स्वीकृति दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इनका जिलेवार और परियोजना-वार ब्योरा क्या है ;

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च की जाएगी ; और

(घ) विश्व बैंक/अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष ने इस संबंध में कितनी राशि उपलब्ध कराई है ;

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो : (क) वर्ष 1994-1995 के दौरान सिर्फ बड़ोदरा, सूरत, भरूच तथा पंचमहल जिलों के लिए किसी नई केन्द्र प्रायोजित स्कीम का अनुमोदन नहीं किया गया है।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Mishra Committee on BCCL Officials

167. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a. newsitem published in the maca?4ne 'The New Sketch' dated the 10th October, 1994 (Vol. LIV No. 41) captioned "Bringing erring officials to book relating to BCCL".

(b) whether it is a fact that while reacting to the alleged cases of bunding as pointed out by the R. N. Mishra Committee's report the Chairman of CIL is reported to have opined that action against the CMD of BCCL, if any, can be taken by the Ministry of Coal; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take or have taken so far against the indicted BCCL officials in each case and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATU OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

fb) Chairman cum Managing Director, Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. is a Presidential appointee and action, if any, is taken bv the Ministiy of Coal in the case of such appointees.

(c) After due examination. Government have decided that no action may be taken against the present CMD, BCCL on the basis of the report of the Governmental Committee. As for other officials, one General Manager and three Agents have been removed from service, while six Agents have been exonerated of the charges against them. Action in the case of remaining indicated officers is in procress at various stages.

New Guidelines under MPs Local Area Development Scheme

*168. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHAN-DRA JICHKAR:

Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new guidelines or instruction have been issued about the M.Ps. Local Area Development Scheme;

(b) if so, what are those guidelines;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for not issuing such guidelines; and

(d) in case of a disput between the Collector and the M.P. whether any particular scheme falls within the scope of this scheme or not, who will finally decide the issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) and (d) The revised guidelines are under consideration.

Joint Venture for Coal Production

* 169. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of foreign or Indian companies who have offered for joint venture in India for coal production;

(b) when these, offers were.made; and

(c) what is Government's response thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A SANGMA): (a) and (b) Consequent to the amendment of Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 in June 1993 allowing private sector participation in coal mining for power generation. Coal India Limited (CIL) have received proposals from following foreign/Indian parties who have shown interest for forming joints ventures with CIL for coal mining :—

(1) Joy Manufacturing Company.
(2) International Longwali (India) Ltd.
(3) White Industries Australia Ltd.
(4) BHP-Minerals International Inc. Corporation.
(5) Indo-Gulf Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd.
(6) Hindalco Industries Ltd.
(7) MM Bhagat & Company.
(8) Blackhill Minerals Phy, Ltd.
(9) Eastern Minerals & Trading Agen-Cy.
(10) CESC Ltd.
(11) M/s. Nippon Denro Ispat Ltd.

These offers were received during the years 1993 and 1994.

(c) Government has not approved any joint venture proposal for coal mining.

Visit of Chinese Delegation

*170. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAM-BHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chinese delegation that visited India recently, including the one accompanying the Chinese Defence Minister, stressed on steps to improve Sino-Indian co-operation on trade investment, science and technology and manpowei development in India;

(b) if so, the main proposals made in this regard; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): *(a)* and (b) In June 1994, HE Mme Wu Yi, Minister for Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of China led a delegation on visit to India, which made proposals including on steps to improve Sino-Indian cooperation in trade, investment, and science &